

## position statement

## Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament 2023

**yourtown** supports the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament and constitutional recognition.

We acknowledge and respect that Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities have their own unique cultures, Lore, traditions, and protocols and have deep connection to their lands, skies, and waterways.

We are committed to ensuring that young Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people have equitable access to social and economic opportunities and can participate fully in society, and to supporting effective and creative partnerships with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Elders and communities.

As an organisation we are committed to the principles of justice, rights, and respect as identified in the Uluru Statement from the Heart. We consider constitutional recognition and inclusion of an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples Voice to Parliament is essential to empowering Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children, young people, families, and communities to thrive.

The upcoming referendum is an historic opportunity for us all to walk together and deliver meaningful change alongside our Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters.

We support the proposed Voice to Parliament and constitutional change, recognising this is a vital step in ensuring all Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander young people and their communities will have the opportunity to lead and influence government decisions that affect them both now, and into the future.